

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs [001], [003] and [030] as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough and added terms are shown with underscoring.

Paragraph [001]

### 1. Field Of The Invention

The present invention relates to a supporting structure of an axle to a knuckle for supporting rotatably an axle hub on a knuckle via a bearing.

Paragraph [002]

### 2. Discussion Of Background Art

A structure for rotatably supporting an axle hub which is spline connected to a drive axle of an automobile to support a wheel on a knuckle via a bearing is made known in ~~a patent literature below~~ Examined Japanese Utility Model No. Hei 8-6569. In this structure, an inner race and an outer race of the bearing are press fitted on an outer circumference of the axle hub and in an inner circumference of the knuckle, respectively, and in order to prevent water and/or sand from entering the ball bearing, a seal member is disposed between the axle hub and the knuckle at a transversely outboard end of the bearing, whereas a seal member is disposed between the drive axle and the knuckle at a transversely inboard end thereof.

~~{Patent Literature}~~

~~— The Examined Japanese Utility Model No. Hei8-6569~~

Paragraph [030]

For example, the cross-sectional configuration of the extending portion 35d provided on the elastic body 35 of the seal member 30 is not limited to the V-like bent cross-sectional configuration adopted in the embodiment. As illustrated in a second embodiment shown in Fig. 4A, a cross-sectional configuration may be adopted in which an extending portion 35d of a substantially constant thickness is inclined ~~in~~ relative to a radial direction, or as illustrated in a third embodiment shown in Fig. 4B, a cross-sectional configuration may be adopted in which a distal end of the extending portion 35d is expanded.